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ADDRESS FROM THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES

AND

RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE



HOME RULE FOR IRELAND,  
AND THE REPLIES THERETO.

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No. 1.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL LORD NORTHCOTE to MR. LYTTELTON.

(Received November 27, 1905.)

SIR, Governor-General's Office, Melbourne, October 25, 1905.  
I HAVE the honour to forward to you this day, under separate cover, an Address to His Majesty the King, which was agreed to by a majority of the House of Representatives on the 19th instant, relating to Home Rule for Ireland.

I have, &c.,  
NORTHCOTE,  
Governor-General.

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Enclosure in No. 1.

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

Most Gracious Sovereign:

May it please Your Majesty:

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Members of the House of Representatives, in Parliament assembled, desire most earnestly in our name and on behalf of the people whom we represent, to express our unswerving loyalty and devotion to Your Majesty's person and Government.

Enjoying and appreciating as we do the blessings of Home Rule here, we would humbly express the hope that a just measure of Home Rule may be granted to the people of Ireland. They ask for it through their representatives—never has request more clear, consistent, and continuous been made by any nation. As subjects of Your Majesty we are interested in the peace and contentment of all parts of the Empire, and we desire to see this long-standing grievance at the very heart of the Empire removed. It is our desire for the solidarity and permanence of the Empire as a Power making for peace and civilization that must be our excuse for submitting to Your Majesty this respectful petition.

F. W. HOLDER,  
Speaker.

House of Representatives,  
Commonwealth of Australia,  
Melbourne, October 19, 1905.

No. 2.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL LORD NORTHCOTE to THE EARL OF ELGIN.

(Received January 22, 1906.)

MY LORD, GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE, Melbourne, December 19, 1905.

IN continuation of my despatch, dated 25th October, 1905,\* I have the honour to forward, herewith, a copy of a letter addressed to me by the Honourable the President of the Senate, covering a Resolution which was agreed to by the Senate, with respect to granting Home Rule to Ireland.

I have, &c.,  
NORTHCOTE,  
Governor-General.

Enclosure in No. 2.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

SIR, The Senate, Melbourne, December 6, 1905.

I HAVE the honour to inform Your Excellency that on October the 19th the following Resolution was agreed to by the Senate:—

"That, in accordance with the most treasured traditions of British Governments and British justice, and for the cementing of the Empire into one harmonious whole, this Senate is of opinion that Home Rule should be granted to Ireland";

and that, further, on November the 23rd, the attention of the Senate was called to the foregoing Resolution, and thereupon the Senate resolved:—

"That the President be requested to take the necessary steps in order that this Resolution of the Senate may be communicated to His Majesty the King."

I have, therefore, the honour to request that Your Excellency will cause the Resolution of the Senate to be forwarded to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in order that it may be communicated to His Majesty the King.

I have, &c.,  
R. C. BAKER,  
President.

To His Excellency  
the Governor-General.

## No. 3.

THE EARL OF ELGIN to GOVERNOR-GENERAL LORD NORTHCOTE.

MY LORD,

Downing Street, February 20, 1906.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 25th of October,\* and to inform you that the Address of the House of Representatives relating to Home Rule for Ireland has been laid before the King.

2. I am commanded by the King to say that His Majesty highly appreciates the loyal sentiments contained in the Address.

I have, &c.,  
ELGIN.

## No. 4.

THE EARL OF ELGIN to GOVERNOR-GENERAL LORD NORTHCOTE.

MY LORD,

Downing Street, February 20, 1906.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 19th of December,† and to inform you that the Resolution of the Senate, with respect to granting Home Rule to Ireland, has been laid before the King.

I have, &c.,  
ELGIN.